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SUBJECT: US ASSESSMENT IN WHO

1. BACKGROUND: AS MISSION AWARE WE WERE NOT ABLE TO REDUCE OUR ASSESSMENT IN WHO LOWER THAN 29.18 PERCENT FOR CY 1974 (FY 1975) BECAUSE WHO SCALE OF ASSESSMENT FOR CY 1974 WAS APPROVED BY WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY IN MAY 1973 PRIOR TO THE UNGA ACTION ADOPTING A SCALE PLACING UNITED STATES AT 25 PERCENT IN THAT ORGANIZATION. ONLY BENEFIT DERIVED AT THAT TIME WAS REDUCTION FROM 30.82 PERCENT TO 29.18 PERCENT DUE TO ENTRY INTO WHO OF GDR AND NORTH KOREA. DIRECTOR GENERAL WAS, HOWEVER, ABLE TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT HIGHEST CONTRIBUTOR WOULD PAY NO MORE THAN 25 PERCENT.

2. NEITHER WAS ATTEMPT SUCCESSFUL TO REDUCE LEVEL TO 25 PERCENT FOR CY 1975 (FY 1976) ALTHOUGH WE CAME CLOSE--25.64 PERCENT. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED LARGELY THROUGH THE EXTRA-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORDINARY EFFORTS OF DIRECTOR GENERAL TO GIVE US ALL POS-

SIBLE BENEFITS FROM NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND THE INCREASE IN SOME ASSESSMENTS DUE TO INCREASES IN NATIONAL INCOMES. THIS ACTION TAKEN IN MAY 1974 WAS THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ACTION IN WHO AFTER THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAD ADOPTED ITS REVISED SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS.

3. DEPARTMENT ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN A ONE-YEAR EXCEPTION TO

THE 25 PERCENT RULE FOR ICAO, UNESCO AND WHO WHEN CONGRESS WAS CONSIDERING THE FY 1975 (CY 1974 OF WHO) APPROPRIATION BILL, BUT THIS ATTEMPT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

4. DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN EXCEPTION TO 25 PERCENT RULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1974 ASSESSMENT. FY 1976 BUDGET REQUEST SUBMITTED TO OMB IS 34,328,211 DOLLARS AND INCLUDES 4,926,758 DOLLARS THAT WOULD CLEAR OUR DEBIT ACCOUNT FOR WHO'S CY 1974. HOWEVER, OUR REQUEST FOR CY 1975 HAS BEEN COMPUTED AT 25 PERCENT INSTEAD OF 25.64 PERCENT THUS LEAVING AN UNBUDGETED COMMITMENT FOR THAT YEAR OF 750,000 DOLLARS. WE BELIEVE CONGRESS WILL BE MORE LIKELY TO BE RESPONSIVE ON APPROPRIATIONS IN FULL WHEN ASSESSMENT IS ACTUALLY BROUGHT DOWN TO 25 PERCENT FOR CY 1976.

5. DISCUSSION: WE ANTICIPATE THAT US ASSESSMENT IN UNESCO WILL REACH 25 PERCENT THIS YEAR LEAVING US ASSESSMENT IN WHO AS ONLY AGENCY IN UN SYSTEM REQUIRED TO GET TO THE 25 PERCENT LEVEL THAT IS STILL OVER 25 PERCENT. EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT MUST THEREFORE BE MADE TO REDUCE ASSESSMENT TO 25 PERCENT FOR CY 1976. WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL REACTIONS IF THIS IS NOT ACCOMPLISHED.

6. IN MEETINGS WITH DG MAHLER ON OCTOBER 1, 1974 WE EXPLAINED THAT WE DO NOT THINK CONGRESS WILL APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AMOUNTS OVER 25 PERCENT UNTIL ASSESSMENT IS LOWERED TO 25 PERCENT. MAHLER EXHIBITED UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION.

7. UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE LAST WEEK VOTED 74-5-14 TO REMOVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PER CAPITA LIMITATIONS FROM UN ASSESSMENTS. IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT THE UNGA PLENARY WILL REMOVE LIMITATION SHORTLY. ACCORDINGLY, WHO SECRETARIAT MAY WISH TO PROPOSE THAT WHO FOLLOW UN PRECEDENT BY TAKING SIMILAR ACTION REGARDING WHO ASSESSMENT AT WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY. WE UNDERSTAND THIS ACTION WOULD FREE SUFFICIENT PERCENTAGE POINTS TO REDUCE MAXIMUM ASSESSMENT TO 25 PERCENT.

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8. WHILE THE REMOVAL OF THE PER CAPITA LIMITATION WILL NOT AFFECT THE UN ASSESSMENT SCALE UNTIL ITS NEXT TRIEN- NIAL ASSESSMENT THERE SEEMS TO BE NO REASON UNDER WHO REGU- LATIONS WHY THE REMOVAL OF THE PER CAPITA LIMITATION COULD NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR THE WHO CY 1976 SCALE.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO

DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH DG MAHLER STRESSING USEFULNESS TO WHO OF EARLY ACTION TO REDUCE US ASSESSMENT. HIS LEADERSHIP WOULD SEEM NECESSARY IN REMOVING PER CAPITA LIMITATION WITH RESPECT TO WHO CY 1976 SCALE AT NEXT SESSION OF WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD. MAW

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